वस्त्र मंत्री (श्री रामनिवास मिर्धा): (क) से (ग) राष्ट्रीय वस्त्र निगम ने अपनी वस्त्र मिलों का आधुनिकीकरण करने का एक प्रस्ताव प्रस्तुत किया है आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना अवधि के लिए 523.76 करोड़ रु० के परिव्यय का प्रावधान है। एनटीसी मिलों के सम्बन्ध में सरकार ने अभी तक आठवीं योजना के प्रस्तावों को अंतिम रूप नहीं दिया है।

Closed jute mills in West Bengal

*145. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of jute mills locked out/closed in West Bengal as on 1st July, 1989 and the number of workers affected thereby;

(b) what is the total number of jute mills and also the number of workers employed in these mills as on 1st July, 1989;

(c) what is the total number of jute mills in West Bengal taken over by the National Jute Manufacturers Corporation Ltd., Calcutta and the number of workers employed in these mills as on 1st July, 1989; and

(d) whether Governmnet are considering any proposal to take over some more jute mills?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) As on 1st July, 1989 in West Bengal 19 jute mills were under lock-out/closure affecting around 64,400 workers.

(b) Total number of jute mills in the country is 73, employing approximately 2,50,000 workers. Of these the number of Jute Mills in West Bengal is 59 employing approximately 2,22,100 workers.

(c) There are 5 Nationalised Jute Mills in West Bengal managed by National Jute Manufactures Corporation employing around 27,998 workers.

(d) No, Sir.

Export of Copra

*147. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are exporting Copra;

(b) whether Government are charging export duty on its considering it as oilseeds; and

(c) if so, what is the rate of export duty being charged and the total amount earned on this account during the year 1988-89?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) No, Sir. Export of copra is banned.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Purchase of commodities/goods from India by M/s. A.B. Bofors

*151. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 155 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd November, 1988 and state:

(a) whether any meeting between M/s. A.B. Bofors and the State Trading Corporation of India were held recently; and

(b) what are the details of the commodities/goods purchased by M/s. A.B. Bofors till 30th June, 1989?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) Yes Sir. Two Review Meetings were held by the State Trading Corporation with the representatives of M/s. A.B. Bofors recently in January, 1989 and April, 1989.